GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Solar Power to Farmers
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched/ proposes to launch any scheme wherein farmers are allowed to set up Solar Energy Plants in their fields and operate pump sets using solar energy therefrom;

(b) if so, the criteria for selection of areas in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy for setting up solar energy plants to the interested farmers;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;
(e) whether the Government has identified villages/ towns across the country for pilot projects related to power conservation, if so, the details thereof, States/ UT-wise; and

(f) the details of the pilot projects launched in unelectrified remote villages/ town during the last three years and the year, State/UT −wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Yes Madam. The Ministry has been implementing Solar Pumping programme through States, NABARD & other Government departments for setting up of Solar Power plants to pump water for irrigation purpose.

(b): The programme is demand driven. State Governments send proposals to the Ministry based on the requirements in their respective States.

(c): Yes Madam.

(d): Ministry is providing 30% capital subsidy equivalent (Rs/Hp) for setting up of solar water pumping systems, limited to maximum 5 HP. The subsidy pattern is given in Annexure.
(e): No Madam.

(f): Does not arise.
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